

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is withdrawn. Next motion.

CLERK: Senator Kristensen would move to amend. (AM4459 appears on pages 1934-35 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Mr. Clerk, just so I make sure that I'm tracking with you, we're considering at this point AM4459, is that correct?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, you have received in the past week or so some correspondence with people who are concerned about LB 1061. As you remember on General File LB 1061 had a number of elements in there. Some of those which I believe to be controversial I went ahead and struck those out of the bill just in an effort to try to move this piece of legislation along because there is a very important piece that is here. Included in this bill are the contents of LB 1060 which was also a Transportation Committee bill. We put that in there because it has to deal with the federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. The State of Nebraska is currently out of compliance with those rules and regulations. As a penalty we have been notified by the federal government, through the Federal Highway Administration, that effective October 1 we will be penalized funding for a program that basically deals with enforcement and with monies that will go to this state. That penalty is in the neighborhood of, in excess of \$400,000. That is a penalty each year. There is also the possibility, although we've not been notified, that there may be other measures that that puts us out of compliance, but the major compliance issue is the \$400,000. That is the reason LB 1061 must pass this year. Because of that, there are federal rules and regulations that we do not comply with. One of those, in fact there is eight of them, and we deal with all eight, we solve all eight in the original 1061. However, in the last week you have received some correspondence, you probably received some phone calls from people who say we can't pass this law, how terrible this is because if we pass this law it's going to be hard on my business and this deals with hours of service. In other words, the length of time that you can operate these